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etc. Utmost attention is paid to the upkeep combat fitness and high standard of man management and morale of the troops. This is ensured by regular visits of senior officers to the places of duty and deployment.

**Militants Suicide Squad attack on Srinagar Airport**

4313. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether militants suicide squad recently attacked the Srinagar Airport killing some CRPF Jawans and injuring several others;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what action has been taken by Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO):

(a) and (b) Yes Sir. On 16.01.2001 a fidayeen squad of 6 terrorists of LeT attempted to storm the Srinagar Civil Airport. In the ensuing encounter near the first gate (barricade) 4 CRPF personnel, 2 Civilians and 6 terrorists were killed, 10 Security Forces Personnel were injured and some shops located near the site of the encounter gutted.

(c) Security Force Personnel deployed on duty at the Airport have been instructed to continue to be alert and strengthen the picket.

**IREDA Objectives and Projects**

4314. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency (IREDA) was established with the main objective of promoting, developing and financing renewable energy technologies and energy efficiency projects for sustainable development in March 1987;

(b) if so, which of the non-conventional energy system have already crossed the demonstration stage and reached commercial maturity; and